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SUBJECT: PRESENTATION OF CW WORKING PAPER TO SOVIETS

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, AS PROMISED IN APRIL 9 CW PRESENTATION TO SOVIETS IN
GENEVA (REFTEL), ACDA OFFICERS CALLED IN SOVIET EMBASSY
OFFICER, KOKOREV, ON MAY 21 AND GAVE HIM WORKING PAPER ON
VERIFICATION OF CW STOCKPILE DESTRUCTION (COPY POUCHED
TO EMBASSY MOSCOW). IN INTRODUCING PAPER, ACDA OFFICERS
MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

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A. AT THE TIME US VIEWS ON SEVERAL CW-RELATED ISSUES

WERE PRESENTED TO THE SOVIET CCD DELEGATION IN EARLY APRIL, WE EXPRESSED OUR INTENTION TO PROVIDE THE SOVIET DELEGATION IN THE NEAR FUTURE WITH A PAPER DEALING WITH VERIFICATION OF STOCKPILE DESTRUCTION. THIS PAPER HAS NOW BEEN COMPLETED AND IS BEING PROVIDED TO THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON SINCE THE CCD IS NOT CURRENTLY IN SESSION.

B. THE PAPER STATES OUR PRELIMINARY VIEWS ON INDEPENDENT, INTERNATIONAL VERIFICATION PROCEDURES INVOLVING MONITORING INSTRUMENTS AND TECHNICALLY-QUALIFIED OBSERVERS

FOR CONFIRMING THAT THE TYPE AND QUANTITY OF THE AGENT BEING DESTROYED HAVE BEEN CORRECTLY REPRESENTED.

C. AS AMBASSADOR MARTIN INDICATED IN HIS SPEECH ON APRIL 13TH, THE US DELEGATION INTENDS TO SUBMIT A PAPER ON THIS SUBJECT PRIOR TO THE CW EXPERTS' MEETING AT THE CCD PLANNED FOR EARLY JULY.

D. WE HOPE THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT WILL GIVE THIS PAPER, AND THE GENERAL QUESTION OF VERIFICATION OF STOCKPILE DESTRUCTION, DETAILED TECHNICAL EXAMINATION. WE WOULD WELCOME ANY COMMENTS ON THE PAPER.

E. IN THE PAST, CONCERN HAS BEEN EXPRESSED THAT ON-SITE MONITORING COULD JEOPARDIZE LEGITIMATE COMMERCIAL OR MILITARY SECRETS. HOWEVER, WE SHARE THE GENERAL VIEW EXPRESSED BY SWEDEN RECENTLY THAT ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE DEVELOPED FOR ON-SITE MONITORING THAT PROVIDE EFFECTIVE VERIFICATION WITHOUT UNDUE RISK THAT LEGITIMATE SECRETS MAY BE DISCLOSED. WE BELIEVE THAT THE PROCEDURES OUTLINED IN THE TECHNICAL PAPER WE ARE PROVIDING TO THE USSR MEET THESE REQUIREMENTS.

F. SINCE THE DESTRUCTION FACILITY CAN BE LOCATED WHEREVER THE STATE OPERATING IT CHOOSES, THE RISK THAT THE OBSERVERS WOULD HAVE ACCESS TO UNRELATED ACTIVITIES CAN BE MINIMIZED OR ELIMINATED. BY SEPARATING THE AGENT DESTRUCTION PORTION OF A FACILITY FROM THE AREA HANDLING
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CHEMICAL MUNITIONS OR THE AREA WHERE RETAINED STOCKS ARE LOCATED, SENSITIVE INFORMATION CONCERNING AGENT AND MUNITION CHARACTERISTICS COULD BE PROTECTED.

G. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO EXPLORE, BOTH BILATERALLY AND IN THE CCD, THE FEASIBILITY, UTILITY OF AND NEED FOR THE VARIOUS TECHNICAL METHODS FOR VERIFICATION REFERRED TO IN CCD/403 AND IN OUR TECHNICAL PAPER.

H. WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT TECHNICAL EXCHANGE VISITS TO

SELECTED CHEMICAL PRODUCTION OR DISPOSAL FACILITIES OF VARIOUS TYPES IN DIFFERENT COUNTRIES COULD ASSIST MEMBERS OF THE CCD IN EVALUATION OF THE UTILITY OF THE VARIOUS TECHNICAL METHODS FOR VERIFICATION OF A CW PRODUCTION BAN AND OF STOCKPILE DESTRUCTION. AS LONG AS THE FACILITIES CHOSEN WERE RELEVANT TO CW VERIFICATION, THEY NEED NOT BE INVOLVED IN CHEMICAL WARFARE AGENT PRODUCTION OR DESTRUCTION.

I. WE WOULD WELCOME SOVIET VIEWS ON THE FEASIBILITY AND UTILITY OF TECHNICAL EXCHANGE VISITS. THE US WOULD BE PREPARED TO INVITE CCD EXPERTS AS PART OF SUCH A TECHNICAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM. IN OUR VIEW, IF SUCH VISITS TO FACILITIES APPEAR TO BE POSSIBLE, IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE FOR THE COUNTRIES INVOLVED TO EXTEND INVITATIONS DURING THE CW EXPERTS' MEETING. SISCO

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